

SOME RELIGIOUS BOOKS.

Professor George Park Fisher has prepared a little manual of "Natural Theology" (Charles Scribner's Sons) for readers and pupils who have not time for the study of more extended treatises. It is marked by the lucid and comprehensive grasp of great principles which characterize all Professor Fisher's writings. One of the most important chapters discusses the argument from design. The numerous evidences of design in nature and man are presented, and an attempt is made to show that these adaptations of means to an end could only have been produced by a Supreme Intelligence, and not by that law of nature known as "the survival of the fittest." While Professor Fisher's reasoning here is not conclusive, it is strongly stated. It will not convince the materialist or the agnostic that the world is anything more than the natural evolution of an unknown and unknowable Power, Force or Law; but it will strengthen the wavering faith of many Christians, whose reading has led them to fear that the foundations of Christianity have been undermined by modern science.

Dr. William G. T. Shedd believes that the natural effect of the changes which the Westminster Church is now attempting to make in the Westminster Confession will be to weaken and break down the Calvinistic system contained in it, and he states his belief clearly and strongly in a monograph entitled "Calvinism: Pure and Mixed, A Defense of the Westminster Standards" (Charles Scribner's Sons). Of the arguments he adduces it may be said that they will convince all who agree with Dr. Shedd's point of view, as well as those who are inclined to agree with him. But they will not convert those who reject his premises. There are today, even in the Free-church Church, many devout Christians who would not regard the destruction of Calvinism as a blow at Christianity, but rather a benefit to it. And such Presbyterians will not stay their hand from revision because it is proved that revision will impair Calvinism.

The world is not clear or intelligible. If we are to deliver our message as Christians we must face the riddles of life and consider how others have faced them." These words are the key to "The Gospel of Life," by Brooke Foss Westcott, D. D., Bishop of Durham (Macmillan & Co.), who has already achieved fame as a great Biblical critic. Dr. Westcott discusses with singular candor and deep religious insight some of the inscrutable problems of human life, and their relation to the thought of God, as revealed in Christianity. An especially valuable section of the book is that relating to the religious beliefs of the pre-Christian nations and their relation to Christianity. Altogether the book is one that will repay a careful perusal. Those who like to have all their religious problems and difficulties solved for them out of hand will be disappointed in it, for Dr. Westcott is at once too honest and too learned to ignore difficulties which cannot be removed. But he shows that at least no other religion has thrown so much light on the problems of life as has Christianity.

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